In claim 12, line 1, please delete "any one of claims 1-10" and substitute therefor -- claim 1 --; and on line 2, please delete "characterized in that" and substitute therefor -- wherein --.

## **REMARKS**

The amendments to the claims set forth above were made to remove the multiple dependencies and more closely comply with idiomatic English.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is courteously solicited. However, if any questions remain, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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